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Victor A. Trowles, Toronto, Ont., writes: "Would like to congratulate you on fine appearance of October issue."

Western Collectors,-No. 7.

Wm. C. Laird.

MR. William C. Laird, the subject of our sketch this this month, although young in years, has been a stamp collector ever since he can remember. Not only in the philatelic world, but in almost everything he has undertaken young Laird, or as his friends all call him, Billie, has made his mark. Entering the Regina Collegiate Institute in the fall term of 1906, Laird, during the four years of his collegiate career was a brilliant student and a leader in all affairs pertaining to the school.

He obtained a third class teacher's diploma in 1908, a junior matriculation in 1909 and a senior in 1910.

He won the Balfour Oratory Prize in 1909, one of the most coveted prizes in the Regina Collegiate Institute.

He was also a member of the Collegiate Glee Club and rendered valuable services.

Mr. Laird was Captain of the Collegiate Cadet Corps for two years, during the school years of 1908-1909 and 1910, in this position performed splendid work for the school, and was presented by the Lieutenant Governor with a special prize. At the same time he was highly complimented by Colonel Steele and Capt. H. D. B. Ketchen for the high state of efficiency to which he had brought his company.

The Collegiate Institute recently showed their appreciation of Captain Laird's services by presenting him with a sword suitably engraved.

In athletic circles Laird was one of the most foremost all round athletes the college has ever had. His reputation as a hockey goal keeper is firmly established allover the province. "Billie" could always stop the impossible ones and the boys always had confidence when he was between the posts. In Association football he played full back and had few equals in the Regina City League.

His successes in school li did not turn his head, a Laird was always glad to spend a few hours in the writer's sanctum and discuss stamps. He has a good collection and does not specialise in any particular country. Mr. Laird is at present studying at Queens College, Ontario, and at the same time adding largely to his stamp collection.

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EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS.

(Continued from October issue)

The 5c., stamp catalogued with "extra line in outer oval on left" is an extremely scarce variety for which the catalogue quotation of $8.75 is absurdity. I have had thousands of 5 cent stamps through my hands, but not once have I been fortunate enough to find the double variety, which by-the-by was caused I think by the die shifting, causing the paper to be touched twice, the second time a good millimetre out of the normal, so that we get a double "Can" line directly to the left in the of word Canada.

Although I have been interested in Canadian stamps for a great many years I have only seen one copy of this variety, namely a torn copy on original cover; the Tapling collection does not contain this variety, nor would I think, a search through London dealers' stock books reveal a specimen. Numerous shades can be found of all values, especially the 10 cent, where it is difficult to find two successive stamps that are a bit alike in shade, it is partly owing to this wealth of shades that these stamps are so very popular, as were there no rare shades the issued set could very quickly be completed, even by the most "stony broke" amongst collectors.

Owing to the not unusual practice of using split stamps throughout the whole of British North America at this time, it is not to be wondered at that we find a few of the "cents" stamps used as "splits." These provisionals were not actually needed to prepay any existing letter rate (as was the case in November Scotia and New Brunswick), but were used on letters owing, probably, to a lack, on the consigners part, of the necessary value. I have not seen a list of these "splits" published, if such exists. Messrs. Collin & Colman, in their catalogue for advanced collectors, list the 5c, cut diagonally in two, each half being used as a 2½c, in connection with a 10c. stamp to make up the packet rate of 12½c. In the June 1st auction catalogue of Messrs. Glendinning's, I see that there is listed a diagonal half of a 10c. purple, used as a 5c. on original cover. This cover was dated Nov., 1860. and realized, I believe $8.00. At the same sale there was sold

a diagonal half of a 6d. perforated 12, used as a 3d. on original envelope (May 1859); it sold for $12.50, a good price, as it was not a very satisfactory split.

I give, as I did with the pence stamps, a table showing how these stamps are priced in the leading catalogues, taking Gibbons as a guide for the number of varieties.

All six values are, in used blocks and strips, quite rare, while even pairs of the 2c., 10c., 12½c. and 17c. stamps are rarely met with. The biggest block I have seen of these values is a well centred block of four of the 17 cents, but I have recently seen a block of six.

The catalogue quotations for unused stamps in mint condition, that is, well centred, full gum and good color, are rarely met with. Many of the so-called unused stamps that are offered, especially the low values are stamps that have been pen-cancelled, cleaned and gummed, as such, they are in my opinion dear at any price.

Since the publication of the last installment, Mr. B. C. Emerson has very kindly sent me for inspection, a number of the "cents" stamps, together with his notes relating to the various "guide" dots which are to be found on each value. None of the varieties he described were, however, new to me, all of them, if I remember aright, having been mentioned by Mr. Horsley in his article contributed to the London Philatelist some years ago. The "guide" dots in question consist of a coloured dot at the base of the neck on the 1c., a colored dot in the "C" of "Cents" on the 5c., and a small dot at the top of the lower right hand figure of value on the 10c.

The pecularities of the 12½ and the 17c. I have already drawn attention to, Mr. Emerson included however, with the "cents" stamps, a pair of 3d. labels, which show a very marked flaw or scratch on the plate to the right of the letter "T" in "Postage." I had not noticed this peculiarity before, but on referring to my collection found that the flaw seemed to be constant, although not very marked on some specimens. Although I have headed this paper "Notes on the Early Stamps of Canada," it is my intention to write this month about the first of the Dominion issues. I hope my readers will not consider I am making a too elastic use of the word "early".

On the 1st of July, 1867, the then separate Provinces of of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, were formed into the Dominion of Canada; according to Mr. Donald King, in his monumental article in the Monthly Journal, a new

To be Continued.

THE first official note of the approach of Christmas has been issued from Washington, D.C., the post office department warning all postmasters that Portugal, Guatamala and Uruguay refuse to admit to their mails articles bearing non-postage Christmas stamps or other charity stamps or labels. Portugal's objection, however, is limited to such stamps as resemble postage stamps. Other countries, such as Great Britain, Germany, British East Africa and a host of British Dependencies will admit articles bearing such stamps when the stamps are affixed to the reverse and not to the address side.

THE disposition of Portugal's many colonies is a subject of diplomatic discussion. It has been suggested that they be divided between Great Britain and Germany, but this might lead to international complications. In population the colonies represent double that of Portugal and their area is twenty times greater. Anyway it is good policy to secure all the Portuguese colonial stamps possible—and there are plenty of them to be had a a low price.

THE firm of Vernon P. Pierce & Co., Manchester, Michigan, whose advertisement appears regularly in our columns have been in the stamp business since 1903, and have each year increased their trade—so much so that at the present time three persons are kept busy attending to their numerous orders. Approval sheets are this firm's specialty, and they express their willingness to compete with any other firm in their special line of United States postage and departmental issues. The firm deals largely too, in packets, their leader being a British Colonial one for beginners. Mr. Edward M. Pierce collected in the early eighties, at the same time dealing in a small way. Mr. Vernon P. Pierce, the head of the firm, started collecting at the early age of eight, and has kept up his interest in the hobby ever since. He is now at the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, his father in the meantime looking after the interests of the firm. Mr. N. F. Pierce also takes a prominent part in the firm's business. The company have a large clientele in Canada and are deserving of the support and patronage of our readers.

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THE Sydney Sun of August 27th says that the Federal Government propose to introduce a uniform system of stamps for postage payments. On January 1st next the present stocks of stamps in hand will be superimposed with the words Commonwealth of Australia. They will then carry a letter throughout any portion of the Commonwealth. As soon as the stocks in hand have been used up, there will be a new issue with Commonwealth design. A penny rate will not necessarily be introduced throughout the Commonwealth, but Mr. Fisher hopes it will not long be delayed. He stated that the introduction of penny postage within those states which at present charged twopence for country letters was hardly worth bothering about, and that when action is taken it will be in the direction of introducing a uniform minimum postage of penny throughout the Commonwealth. He hopes this will be preparatory to a uniform charge of one penny throughout the Empire.

THE first catalogue to reach us for review this season is The Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps for 1911, issued by the old established firm of Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England. The catalogue, the eleventh issue, contains 516 pages, with 3,791 illustrations drawn exactly one-fourth the size of the original stamps. The handy little volume is bound in cloth boards, and as its title implies it is a complete price-list of "standard" varieties only. All minor varieties and perforation measurements which the general collector takes no stock in, are eliminated. The catalogue does not waste space by including the many varieties of United States perforating machine stamps called into being by the use of automatic slot machines.

In their introductory remarks the firm state that the year 1910 has witnessed a great increase in the popularity of stamp collecting, with the inevitable result that increased demand for

scarce stamps (not necessarily high priced) stamps has led to considerable advances in prices.

The most notable advances of prices in the present edition will be found in the lists of French, German and Portuguese Colonies, some of the South American Republics, and old European. In many cases prices have been doubled, and in the cases of Sicily trebled.

In last year's editions the Russian Levant stamps overprinted with the names of different towns were omitted, and to be consistent the Italian stamps with similar overprints for various Turkish towns are this year omitted. The publishers considering such stamps on a par with the old Mexican stamps with names of towns overprinted for control purposes and which are not set out in detail in even the most elaborated catalogues.

The total number of stamps issued to date as included in the catalogue is 23,404, of which 6,984 are apportioned to the British Empire and 16,420 to the rest of the world. Europe has issued 4,905, Asia 4,532, Africa 5,252, America 5,164, the West Indies 891, and Oceana 1,660.

This interesting catalogue should be in the hands of all collectors, and may be obtained for 48 cents post free.

THE British, French, Spanish and Italian Ministers have called at the Foreign Office, Lisbon, and announced that they were authorized to resume negotiations with the Portuguese Government.

REGINA Women's Hospital Aid Society, have decided to issue Christmas stamps in order to raise money for the carrying on of their work. The stamps will be sold for the purpose of decorating letters and parcels at the holiday season.

THE Philatelic Journal of America, says: "Henry J. Duveen, of the London house of Duveen Brothers, who conducts a branch business in New York, has had an unfortunate experience with the U. S. Custom House authorities, being held for under-valuing importations.

"The stamp world's interests lies in a collection of stamps which is personal hobby. It is estimated to be worth half a million dollars and reposes in London, which is Mr. Dubeen's home.

"It will be remembered that Mr. Duveen's Mauritius exhibit at Berne last month secured a gold medal.

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ca's useless rich. All this is done at a satisfactory profit to the concern, which is estimated to be worth millions of pounds sterling.

The trouble just now with the U. S. customs authorities is due to an allegation that goods imported were undervalued a million dollars or more.

"We anticipate that Messrs. Duveen will be able to show that goods entered were at their "buying prices," and that the confusion has arisen by the authorities learning of their "selling" prices. A mere matter of detail which will possibly explain the difference of "millions" in values.

At a sale of rare stamps recently by Messrs. Glendinning & Co., London, England, a fine copy of the very scarce Canada 1851, 12d. black specimen brought $275. A B. C 1865, 5c. rose fetched $55.

New Issues of Colonials

By John. H. C. Fernley.

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½ anna green "Postage and Revenue."

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5 dollars

10 dollars

Malta—The 5d. stamp is in issue in a new colour—viz, olive green. Ship design, Mul. C. A.

5d. Olive Green.

Barbados—A new change of colour and a new value have been added to the current set. The 2d. value has the colour—all grey—instead of grey and orange and a new stamp of the 1s. value in the postal union colours — black on green. Brittania and Sea Horses type. Mul. C. A.

2d. Gray

1s. Black and green.

Gibraltar—The 4s. value has appeared in the new postal union colours. Mul. C. A. paper.

4s. Black and Carmine.

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A HOBBY AND AN INVESTMENT.

It is impossible to get away from the point of view of stamp collecting as an investment, but the true philatelist takes a handsome and regularly paid dividend in the charm of collecting and does not worry over possible profits otherwise. Foolish and impatient folks full of "get rich quick" ideas will always lose money, and we do not protend for a moment that a badly selected or recent accumulation of varieties can be looked upon as profitable from the ordinary investment point of view, but, given judgment and care in purchasing, the stamp collector will find not only a charming hobby, but in time a good investment; e. g., Mr. W. W. Hughes, B. L. commenced collecting in 1859, keeping an account of his expenditure on his hobby. In 1896 he sold his collection to the well-known firm of Stanley Gibbons & Co., Ltd., for nearly $15,000, yet his expenditure had only amounted to $345, $150,000 was paid in 1896 by the same firm for the celebrated collection of European stamps made by Mr. W. W. Mann in the previous 20 years. In our own price list for 1906 sets of 6 Admiralty

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A short history of these remarkable stamps, the Id. and 2d. "Post Office" Mauritius, will perhaps be of interest.

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